

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 3-9 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, and 10-23 have been canceled. Claims 3-9 have been allowed. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

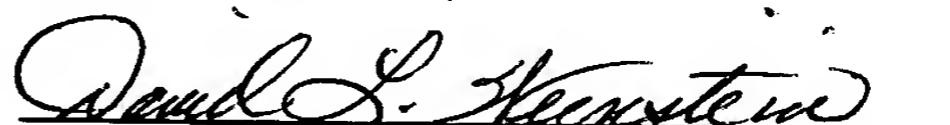
Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Epstein, U. S. Patent No. 5,464,392). Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection can be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, claims 3-9 are in condition for allowance and official Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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